C. S. C. No. 165. [Council to W. Richardson.]

[161.] To Colonel William Richardson

Sir.

Captain Dames has an order on M^r Winters for Forty Musquets which will compleately furnish his Company and enable him to supply Captain Dean's with some. Captain Burkes Company is now here, but will leave us for the Head of Elk this afternoon. We have appointed M^r Potter Surgeon Assistant and we enclose you his Warrant, Medicines must be furnished at Philadelphia by the Congress. We approve of your having the Arms repaired in Philadelphia and desire you will give the necessary orders for that purpose to your Companies as they March. Tents we are informed may be had at New York, they cannot be got here, perhaps they may be got at Philadelphia if they can you will get there what will be necessary for your Battalion. This Province must defray the expence in the first instance, but the Charge will be Continental.

24 August 1776

Original.

[H. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Gentlemen: Head of Elk 24th August 1776.

Capt Alexander of the Flying Camp having had his company compleat for a considerable time past and hearing nothing from his field officers, hath requested me to inform your Honnours, that he only waits your orders to march. the Guns, Bayonetts and Cartouch Boxes are ready, as also the Blankets. cloth might been had for Tents but as no orders were rec^d on that head there is none prepared here. There is about 20 canteens prepared, and I believe the rest may be had hear if thought necessary. if any thing further is wanted pleas to command

Gentlemen, Your most obed Humb. Serv H. Hollingsworth.

P. S. My Bayonett forgers have been two of them sick for some time, but yesterday began to work again.

Original.

[Dean to Council.]

Head of Elk 24th August 1776.

Gentlemen. Just arrived at the Head of Elk and expected to have been furnished with bayonets and knapsacks and cantines, but find there is nothing provided for me here, nor a field officer to direct me. I purpose continuing my march to Philadelphia, where I hope your Honours will have me pro-